

THE STORY OF MUSA (AS) – NUANCES OF THE QUR’AN



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- As mentioned by Shaykh Mohammed Elshinawy in a previous session, the Qur’an is a literary miracle that has never seen before. To see its full literary miracle and its small nuances, you need background knowledge in Arabic grammar. Sister Tasneem’s class discussed these nuances in order for us to understand the beauty of them and inshallah motivate us to understand the grammar of the Qur’an.

Prophet Musa (as) in the Qur’an

- Prophet Musa (as) is discussed in the Qur’an in many places. In particular, he is mentioned in Surah Al-Naml and Surah Al-Qasas, which are the 27th and 28th surahs in the Qur’an, respectively. The verses within these surahs are very similar, and some of them only change a letter or a word from each other.

- There are only 10 verses about Musa (as) in Al-Naml, while there about 40 in Al-Qasas, which shows that Al-Naml is concise and to the point, while Qasas goes into much more detail.

The Confidence vs. The Fear

- Surah Al-Naml is about the glorification of Allah SWT and the honoring of Musa (as), which then leads Musa (as) to be confident. Allah SWT is honoring him, so he is confident.
- Surah Al-Qasas is about the shaking, quivering fear Musa (as) felt. It gives us both of these perspectives. On a personal level, there are times where we feel both of these feelings, confidence and fear, simultaneously.
- In Surah Al-Naml, Musa (as) is confident about completing certain tasks, like getting news, while in the same situation in Surah Al-Qasas, he is more doubtful about him being able to do so.
- In Surah Al-Naml, Allah SWT glorifies Himself directly and tells him to be confident because He sent him, so this makes Musa (as) is more confident. In Surah Al-Qasas, He knows Musa (as) is scared so he tells Him to come close and that He is there for him, after glorifying Himself. These are important nuances to reflect on as we read the Qur'an. We ask Allah SWT to give us the understanding of the Arabic so we can see the beauty of these verses. Ameen.

FAQs

- How many times is Musa (as) mentioned in Surah Al-Naml vs. Surah Al-Qasas?
- What number surahs are Surah Al-Naml and Surah Al-Qasas, respectively?
- What are the two main themes of these surahs?
- What themes are covered by Suratul Naml with regards to Musa AS?
- What theme does Suratul Qasas highlight?
- When contrasting Suratul Naml and Suratul Qasas, the events detailed are similar are explained with a
- different perspective. What is that perspective?
- What is the difference between the words **اتاها** and **جاء** ?
- In Suratul Qasas, Allah states **ان يا موسى** while in Suratul Naml, Allah states **يا موسى**. What is the significance of Allah adding **ان** in Suratul Qasas?